स्टाक की कीमत (प्रासंगिक खर्चों सहित) 5517.05 करोड़ रुपए आंकी गई है।

1.11.1995 को स्थिति के अनुसार केन्द्रीय पूल में सरकार के पास उपलब्ध गेहूं और चावल का स्टाक निम्नानुसार था:—

	(लाख मीटरी टन)
गेहूं	157.70
चावल	124.08
	281.78

(ख) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली/सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए गेहूं और चावल का आवंटन विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों से प्राप्त मांग, उनकी संगत जरूरतों, उठान प्रवृत्ति, केन्द्रीय पूल में स्टाक, मौसमी उपलब्धता आदि के आधार पर माह दर माह किया जाता है।

1995-96 के दौरान खुले बाजार में 55 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं और 15 लाख मीटरी टन चावल की बिक्री करने के लिए भारतीय खाद्य निगम को प्राधिकृत किया जा चुका है। 1995-96 (अक्तूबर, 1995 तक) के दौरान सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली और खुले बाजार में बिक्री योजना के अधीन भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा बेची गई गेहूं और चावल की मात्रा निम्नानुसार है:—

(लाख मीटरी टन)

	सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली	खुली बिक्री
गेहूं	26.89	20.47
चावल	53.90	10.70

(ग) प्रचलित केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य (सी०आई०पी०) पर भी गेहूं और चावल को जारी करने से सरकार पर सब्सिडी का भारी बोझ पड़ेगा। 1.2.1994 के बाद से खाद्यान्नों के केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य में वृद्धि नहीं हुई है।

Commitments for Export of Foodgrains

2091. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any foodgrains export commitment to China, South Karea, Bangladesh and some other countries as reported in the Hindustan Times of November 29, 1995;

(b) if so, the details of export orders received from each of these countries for the supply of foodgrains;

(c) the quantity and value of foodgrains exported from India during the year 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96;

(d) whether Government is facing any problems in meeting the export commitments and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government propose to meet its export commitments made to the foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India has been permitted to export/sell for exports 2.5 million tonnes of non-durum wheat and 2.0 million tonnes of fine & superfine rice during 1995-96 (since raised to 3 million tonnes) from the public stocks. Non-durum wheat and fine and superfine rice is sold by FCI to private exporters and Central Public Sectors Undertakings under their Open Market Sale Scheme. The details of the contracts for export of rice are not maintained.

(c) The quantity and value of foodgrains exported during 1994-95 and

so far in 1995-96 (April-Sept., 95) are as under:—

(Qty. in MTs)
(Value in Rs. crore:)

Item	1994-95		1995-96 (April-Sept.,95)	
	Qty	Value	Qty.	Value
1. Rice	891423	1181.21	1983676	1575.70
2. Wheat	58206	30.85	38125	19.45
3. Pulses	59497	90.36	35002	49.83
4. Coarse Cereals	68595	25.67	10267	6.78
TOTAL:	1077721	1328.09	2067070	1651.76

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(d) and (e) Exports of wheat & rice during the period April-Sept., 1995 have been 20.22 lakh MTs as compared with 2.94 lakh MTs during the same period last year. The menifold quantitative increase has strained the infrastructure. Delays have occurred at cartain times due to congestion at Kandla port and transportation problems. These have been resolved by recourse to directing to other ports on the west and east coasts including minor ports such as Kakinada and resorting to road movement to supplement the rail rake capacity. Constant attention is being paid to resolving problems faced by exporters to ensure timely export of wheat & rice from the country.

Association of tea producing countries

2092. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six tea producing nations including India and Sri Lanka commenced the two day conference in April 1995 to consider forming an association promote the industry jointly which is facing problems with declining tea prices in the world market;

(b) if so, the details of participating countries;

(c) whether the conference has adopted Constitution for the proposed association; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) A proposal for formation of an Association of Tea Producing Countries has been mooted as a result of the initiative taken by Sri Lanka. The Association has been proposed to be formed basically with a view to establish a mechanism for meaningful interaction amongst tea producing member countries on the production, productivity and research.

Preparatory meeting for the formation of the proposed Association was held in Colombo on 27th and 28th April, 1995, and was attended by delegates from